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September 2, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 4  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. RDC0013866 - Nogales Street, et al., vicinity of Rowland Heights (4), Ecology Construction, Inc., with a final contract amount of \$475,112.65 (Final Acceptance).

Project ID No. RMD4146002 - Parkway Tree Trimming RD 142 - 2002/03, vicinity of East Los Angeles (1), H. Tree & Landscaping Co., Inc., with changes in the amount of \$1,480.00, and a final contract amount of \$55,895.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in a public works contract and Board acceptance of the work of two contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of the changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID No. RMD4146002.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The increase to the contract amount is \$1,480.00, while the total values of the contracts are \$55,895.00 and \$475,112.65, respectively.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosure are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of the changes were based on contract unit prices.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (FINAL)  
September 2, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013866, NOGALES STREET, ET AL. (in the vicinity of Rowland Heights), Supervisorial District 4

Contractor: Ecology Construction, Inc., 22019 Vanowen Street, Suite F, Canoga Park, California 91303

Project Description:

Reconstruction of center medians, including reconstruction of curb and gutter; installation of an irrigation system; and planting of trees and shrubs in the center median.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on November 8, 2002, in accordance with the plans and specifications. On May 20, 2003, your Board approved partial acceptance of the work on this contract with a withholding of \$8,000 pending compliance with Affirmative Action Reporting Requirements. The contractor has now resolved this issue and is entitled to the release of all the funds withheld. Therefore, we recommend that your Board accept the work of this contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$434,449.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	<u>40,663.65</u>
<b>FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b><u>\$475,112.65</u></b>

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## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

September 2, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4146002, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING RD 142 - 2002/03  
(in the vicinity of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

Contractor: H. Tree & Landscaping Co., Inc., 836 East Manchester Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California 90001

### Project Description:

Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

### Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$1,480.00
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### Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

### Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on April 24, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

### Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$54,415.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>1,480.00</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$55,895.00</u>

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